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In re Application of

Yasuo Yamaguchi et al

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 16, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue in favor of a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 17, 2002 in the parent application is not refundable nor can it be applied towards any new Notice of Allowance which may issue on the CPA filed July 16, 2002.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2812 for processing of the CPA.

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